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Application of Jacob S. Tou

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For METHOD OF REMOVING N-TERMINAL ALANINE RESIDUES FROM
POLYPEPTIDES WITH AEROMONAS AMINOPEPTIDASE

Examiner Jon P. Weber

May 18, 2004

LETTER TO THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated February 12, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.